PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Hanine ABDELKRIM Attorney Docket Q61910

Appln. No.: Not yet assigned Group Art Unit: Not yet assigned

Filed: December 13, 2000 Examiner: Not yet assigned

For: METHOD AND PROGRAMMING INTERFACE FOR DEVELOPING OBJECT-

ORIENTED SOFTWARE APPLICATIONS USING SECURED CALLS.

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, after the title, insert the heading -- Background of the Invention--.

after line 27, insert the heading -- Summary of the Invention--.

Page 3, after line 7, insert the heading --Brief Description of the Drawings--.

after line 12, insert the heading -- Detailed Description of the Invention--.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 2, line 1, delete "the preceding claim" and insert --claim 1--.

Claim 4, line 1, delete "the preceding claim" and insert --claim 1--.

IN THE ABSTRACT:

After the abstract delete "Figure to be published: single figure".

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REMARKS

Entry and consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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